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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MPOL, NL
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES: NEW NETHERLANDS
DEFENSE MINISTER KRUISINGA

1. IN THE COURSE OF COURTESY CALL MADE BY AMBASSADOR, NEW NETHERLANDS DEFENSE MINISTER ROELOF J.H. KRUISINGA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EARLY INVITATION FROM HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART, SECDEF BROWN, TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO US IN THE NEAR FUTURE. KRUISINGA, WHO FREELY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS NEW TO HIS JOB, EXPRESSED PERSONAL CONVICTION OF NECESSITY FOR RESPECTABLE DUTCH DEFENSE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE. HE MENTIONED UPCOMING DECISIONS ON REPLACEMENT OF ASW AIRCRAFT (WHERE THE LOCKHEED ORION IS STRONGLY IN THE RUNNING) AS WELL AS DUTCH NUCLEAR TASKS (F-16 AND LANCE). HE ALSO ADVERTED TO FACT THAT HE WILL SOON BE FACING PARLIAMENT TO EXPLAIN NEW GOVERNMENTS DEFENSE POLICY.

2. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO EXPOSE KRUISINGA TO WASHINGTON THINKING EARLY ON. HE IS NEW TO HIS JOB AND DEFENSE IS NOT HIS FIELD. HE WILL REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF BRIEFING FROM HIS OWN STAFF, AND WASHINGTON VISIT, WHERE HE COULD BE EXPOSED IN SOME DEPTH TO DOD EXPERTS, COULD HELP GIVE DESIRABLE
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DIRECTION TO HIS THINKING. MOREOVER, ASW REPLACEMENT AS WELL AS NUCLEAR ISSUES, AND POSSIBLE FORWARD STATIONING OF NETHERLANDS BRIGADE IN FRG, WILL SOON BE RIPE FOR DECISION. ALL THIS SUGGESTS INVITATION FOR EARLY WASHINGTON VISIT HIGHLY DESIRABLE. IT WOULD GIVE US OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE ON NEW MINISTER'S THINKING, AS WELL AS OCCASION FOR WASHINGTON TO ASSESS KRUISINGA IN HIS NEW ROLE.

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